

# REQUIREMENTS FOR BILINGUAL EDUCATION, K-12 ENDORSEMENTS

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

*ENDORSEMENT IS REQUIRED OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A BILINGUAL CLASSROOM TEACHER, BILINGUAL SPECIALIST, BILINGUAL RESOURCE TEACHER OR OTHERWISE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING BILINGUAL INSTRUCTION. THE HOLDER OF THIS ENDORSEMENT IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO TEACH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL). CLASSROOM TEACHERS, SUPERVISORS, PRINCIPALS, AND SUPERINTENDENTS HOLDING A FULL BILINGUAL (OR FULL ESL) ENDORSEMENT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN THE STRUCTURED ENGLISH IMMERSION (SEI) ENDORSEMENT.*

## ➤ **Provisional Bilingual Endorsement**

*The provisional endorsement is valid for three years and is not renewable.*

Requirements for the Provisional Bilingual endorsement are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate fee (see Application for Certification)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (**IVP**) fingerprint card (plastic). For more information visit the [Arizona Department of Public Safety](#) website or call (602) 223-2279.
4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, Career and Technical Education, Supervisor, Principal or Superintendent certificate.
5. Verification of proficiency in a spoken language other than English or sign language, verified by **one** of the following:
  - A. A passing score on the [Arizona Classroom Spanish Proficiency Examination](#) approved by the Board.
  - B. A passing score on a foreign language subject knowledge portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA), National Evaluation Series (NES) exam, or comparable out of state exam.
  - C. A minimum passing score of “Advanced Low” on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Speaking and Writing exam in the foreign language.
  - D. If an exam in the language is not offered through the Arizona Teacher Proficiency Assessments or the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, proficiency may be verified by the language department of an accredited institution.
  - E. Proficiency in American Indian languages shall be verified by an official designated by the appropriate tribe.

## ➤ **Full Bilingual Endorsement**

*The endorsement shall be automatically renewed with the certificate on which it is posted.*

Requirements for the Full Bilingual Education endorsement are:

1. Completed [Application for Certification](#)
2. Appropriate fee (see Application for Certification).
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**\*\* REQUIREMENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE FULLY REFERENCED IN THE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. \*\***

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4. A valid Arizona Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, Career and Technical Education, Supervisor, Principal or Superintendent certificate.
5. Option A, B, or C:
  - A. Completion of a bilingual education program from an accredited institution.
  - B. The following courses:
    - 3 semester hours of foundations of instruction for non-English-language-background students
    - 3 semester hours of bilingual methods
    - 3 semester hours of English as a Second Language for bilingual settings
    - 3 semester hours of courses in bilingual materials and curriculum; assessment of limited-English-proficient students; teaching reading and writing in the native language, or English as a Second Language for bilingual settings
    - 3 semester hours of linguistics to include psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, first language acquisition, and second language acquisition for language minority students; or American Indian language linguistics
    - 3 semester hours of courses dealing with school, community, and family culture and parental involvement in programs of instruction for non-English-language-background students
    - 3 semester hours of courses in methods of teaching and evaluating handicapped children from non-English-language backgrounds. These hours are only required for bilingual endorsements on special education certificates.
  - C. A valid bilingual certificate or endorsement from another state.
6. Practicum in a bilingual program or **two years** of verified full-time bilingual teaching experience. Please submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form from the District Superintendent or Personnel Director to verify teaching experience.
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